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WHEREAS, the status of death penalty appeals is a matter of great public concern; and WHEREAS, it is of vital importance for this General Assembly to monitor the status of death penalty appeals, including any petitions for post-conviction relief, in order to ensure the timely and efficient disposition of such death penalty appeals, and to minimize any delay in the resolution of such appeals or petitions; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Tennessee Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts shall, on a quarterly basis, report the status of each death penalty appeal, including any petitions for post-conviction relief, currently pending in any court in the State of Tennessee, or under appeal in federal court, to the Standing House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary, the Standing Senate Committee on the Judiciary, the Chairman of the Select Oversight Committee on Corrections, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Speaker of the Senate, the Chairman of the Sentencing Commission, the Governor of the State of Tennessee, and the Attorney General and Reporter. Such report shall also be transmitted to the Secretary of State for appropriate distribution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Attorney General and Reporter shall report quarterly to the Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts, the status of each death penalty appeal, including petitions for post-conviction relief, currently pending in any court in the

State of Tennessee, or under appeal in federal court, for the purpose of compiling the report to the General Assembly required by this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court, the Administrative Director of the Courts, and the Attorney General and Reporter.

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